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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: James Schultz CHCENTER 16002003 In re Application of Tremblay et al. Serial No. 09/904,568 Filing Date: July 16, 2001

HCaRG, A Novel Calcium-Regulated Gene Coding for a Nuclear Protein For:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed January 9, 2003. Claims 2 and 6-58 are currently pending. Claims 2, 6-9, 14-18, 22-34, 36-40, 42-46, and 52-58 are indicated as being allowed. Claims 10-13, 19-21, and 47-52 are rejected. Claims 35 and 41 are objected to. A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response. No other fee is believed due to make this response timely filed. If any other fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.